## REMARKS

The specification has been amended to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Claims 2-8 from the parent application have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1, which was non-elected in the parent application, is pending for examination.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to

Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required

by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that

Account. If any extension of time is required in

connection with the filing of this paper and has not been

requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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